

OVER THE OCEAN.

Important Events Across the Atlantic.

A BATTLE IN AFGHANISTAN.

The Ameer's Troops Defeated and are Now in a Serious Condition, Being Greatly in Want for Food—Disasters at Sea—Ravages of Cholera—Other Foreign News.

SIMLA, Aug. 24.—Advices from Afghanistan show that another engagement has occurred between the revolting Hazara tribesmen and a force of Afghan troops under command of the governor of Candahar. The ameer's army was defeated and it is said they are now in a critical position and suffering from scarcity of food. The tribal levies made by the ameer are not proving very successful, the so-called loyal tribesmen objecting to fighting against the Hazaras.

Embryo Bank Breaker Done For.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A youth named West, aged eighteen, residing in Kensington, was wanted on a charge of robbery. When an attempt to arrest him was made he fled to the roof of the house. Two pursuers followed him to the scuttle, through which access was gained to the roof. Young West, drawing a revolver, fired at them. His aim was bad, and the bullets imbedded themselves in the roof. The men, undeterred by the shots, had just reached the roof, when West, who could not reach the roofs of the houses near-by, turned the weapon against himself and blew his brains out.

Steamer and Bark in Collision.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Ivanhoe, bound for the Clyde, has put into Kingstown, Ireland, with her bows stove. She reports that she was in collision with the British bark Wave Queen, and that the latter vessel was so badly damaged that she sank shortly after the accident occurred. The Ivanhoe stood by the sinking ship and took off all of the crew.

Steamer on Fire.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Carado, from Oran for Newcastle, has put into Spithead roadstead with her cargo burning. All efforts to extinguish the fire have proved unavailing and it is probable that the vessel will have to be scuttled. She is a steamer of 861 tons register and is owned in North Shields. She is twenty years old.

Tailoring in England.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A number of employing tailors opened their doors to the journeymen yesterday, notwithstanding the general lockout determined upon by the master tailors. In London, Liverpool and some other places, work went on as usual.

German Expedition Killed.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—A dispatch from Zanzibar says it is reported on good authority that Baron Paul and four leading members of the German expedition sent to punish the natives have been murdered at Kilimanjaro.

Cholera in a Severe Form.

SIMLA, Aug. 24.—Cholera in a severe form is ravaging Afghanistan and Turkistan, and many deaths have occurred. A number of cases have been reported in Cabul, the capital of Afghanistan.

Resignation Withdrawn.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 23.—Pellegrini has withdrawn his resignation as president. It is said that President-elect Sienra Pena objected to taking office before the constitutional period.

After the Money.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The governor of Uruguay will negotiate a loan of \$5,000,000 in this city.

DRUNK AND IN LOVE.

Attempted Murder, Murder and Suicide in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 24.—Charles Hutchinson, half crazy drunk and in love with the hired girl at the residence of ex-Mayor Stephen Buhner, on Franklin avenue, tried to murder Mrs. Buhner and the girl yesterday.

The coachman, George Talcott, came to the women's rescue and Hutchinson shot him to death.

When neighbors appeared on the scene Hutchinson fired three shots into his own body, and is dying. Franklin avenue is the aristocratic portion of the West Side, and the tragedy occasions an unparalleled sensation.

A Typical Dance Murder.

CANNELTON, Ind., Aug. 23.—Another murder is reported in Perry county. At Derby, a small town in the eastern part of this county, Jim Carr killed Cal Bryant by stabbing him four or five times with a knife. Carr and Bryant had been old enemies, and while at a dance engaged in a fight. Bryant lingered about an hour. Carr, immediately after the killing, crossed the river into Kentucky and has not been captured. Sheriff Conway and two or three deputies are after him.

Shot by a Tramp.

AVILLA, Ind., Aug. 24.—A man named Kelly, property man of Ringling Brothers' circus, was fatally shot at Garrett last night by a tramp. He died an hour later. Two of the gang which did the shooting have been apprehended. Excitement among the showmen ran very high and it was with difficulty that a lynching was averted. The murder was the most cold-blooded ever known in this section.

Unfortunate Accident.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 24.—Charles Schimpf, aged ten months, leaped from the arms of his sister Louisa, aged ten years, into a kettle of hot water, and was literally cooked. Louisa, in trying to rescue him, was terribly burned.

Woman Falls from a Load of Hay.

CHAGRIN FALLS, O., Aug. 24.—Mrs. J. Sears, of Auburn, fell from a load of hay. Her leg was broken and she was internally injured.

STILL UNEXPLORED.

THE LARGEST VOLCANO IN ALASKA DEFIES APPROACH.

Many Attempts Have Been Made to Reach the Giant, but It Lies So Far North That the Absence of Vegetation Has Rendered It Inaccessible.

The grandest mountain of North America has not yet been visited by explorers.

It is an active volcano called Wrangell, located in the interior of Alaska, and its frost wreathed dome forms presumably the apex of the continent.

Mount Wrangell lies about 200 miles north of the celebrated Mount St. Elias and is in the center of a region enshrouded in mystery. Gigantic mountain ranges rise like terraces one upon the other, guarding in their midst this snowy monster of the north.

About forty years ago a party of Russian explorers on the Copper river, of Alaska, first sighted the peak away to the northeast, and being duly impressed with its majesty conferred upon it the title of their honored governor, Baron Wrangell. They made no attempt, however, to reach the mountain, it being in the country of hostile natives and presenting such apparently insurmountable obstacles to approach.

Several other companies of Russians made partial ascents of the Copper river about the same time and met with disaster. One party of seventeen, under Sebernikoff, was massacred by the natives. No new knowledge of the Copper river was obtained, and no approach was made to the volcano.

It was not until 1884 that another attempt was made at exploration in the Copper river region. Then Lieutenant Alley, one of the most daring men who ever entered Alaska, forced his way with several white companions up the Copper nearly to its source and circled half way around the Mount Wrangell district, viewing the mighty peak from a distance of forty or fifty miles, but finding no opportunity to reach and ascend it. Indeed he was on the verge of starvation at the time and it would have been suicide to have attempted to scale the snowclad heights.

The terrible experiences of Allen discouraged further explorations by way of the Copper, and when, in 1890, I entered Alaska for the second time, I attempted to reach Mount Wrangell by a new avenue of approach, viz., from the northeast. This route necessitated an overland march of 300 miles from the Yukon river, and when provisions became exhausted my party was still fully forty miles from the volcano and tangled up in a labyrinth of mountain ranges. Gigantic peaks, snowclad, devoid of vegetation and animal life, barred our progress in front, and an attempt to scale them, with nothing to eat and naught in sight, would have been sheer madness. So a circle was made to the northwest, crossing Allen's trail, and we forced a way to the Yukon, 700 miles distant, barely escaping starvation.

In 1891 Lieutenant Schwatka, famous as an explorer of the Yukon, tried his hand at traversing the southern border of the Mount Wrangell domain. He proceeded overland from Fort Selkirk, on the upper Yukon, piercing an unknown district and emerging on the Copper river south of Mount Wrangell. He also had a close call from starvation.

These few explorations constitute the sum total of the discoveries in the vicinity of Mount Wrangell up to date. Several sketches of the volcano have been made as it appears from a distance, but no accurate information concerning it has yet been obtained.

It appears to be fully as high as Mount St. Elias, and may be even higher. The natives living in the vicinity are superstitiously afraid of venturing near the volcano, and this fact adds to the interest which surrounds it. I believe that Mount Wrangell can be reached by explorers who will establish depots of supplies, projecting one post beyond another and arranging for the systematic forwarding of the provisions to the terminal. No food can be depended upon in this region after leaving the river except that brought in by the explorer. The scaling of Mount Wrangell heights would require many days, but could probably be accomplished.

There is apparently little chance that Mount Wrangell will ever be reached from the direction of Mount St. Elias, that is, from the south. It is proper to state that the region between Mount St. Elias and Mount Wrangell is the only glacier field in Alaska. A few isolated glaciers can be found elsewhere along the coast, but in four-fifths of the interior no snow or ice exists during the summer. A dense wilderness of coniferous surrounds the ice region and blankets the country for hundreds of miles eastward. The volcano of Mount Wrangell offers today a unique field for the explorer and the professional mountain climber.—Cincinnati Post.

A Cruel Test.

A good looking, well to do young man was being teased by the young ladies of a club for not getting married. He said: "I'll marry the girl of your club whom, on a secret vote, you elect to be my wife." There were nine members of the club. Each girl went into a corner, and used great caution in preparing her ballot, and disguised the handwriting. The result of the vote was that there were nine votes cast, each girl receiving one. The young man remains a bachelor, the club is broken up and the girls are all mortal enemies, united in the one determination that they will never speak to that nasty man again.—Detroit Free Press.

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